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Tax evader sentenced

A Taylorsville man was sentenced Monday to serve 14 days in jail and to pay more than \$26,000 in restitution, criminal penalties and interest on felony tax evasion charges.

Richard E. Fail, 57, was found guilty in December of evasion to pay state income taxes, a second degree felony and failure to file state income taxes, a third degree felony. The Utah State Tax Commission investigated the case and the Attorney General's office prosecuted.

Judge Randall N. Skanchy suspended up to 15 years in prison so long as Fail complies with all terms of his probation, including properly filing returns for years he has failed to file.

Fail, who resides and has been employed for several years in Utah has adamantly refused to file tax returns and pay income taxes.

Criminal investigative officers of the Utah State Tax Commission continue to diligently seek out those who fail to their fair share of state income taxes, says spokesman Charlie Roberts. "We rely on state income taxes to educate our children. It's only right that everyone pays their fair share."